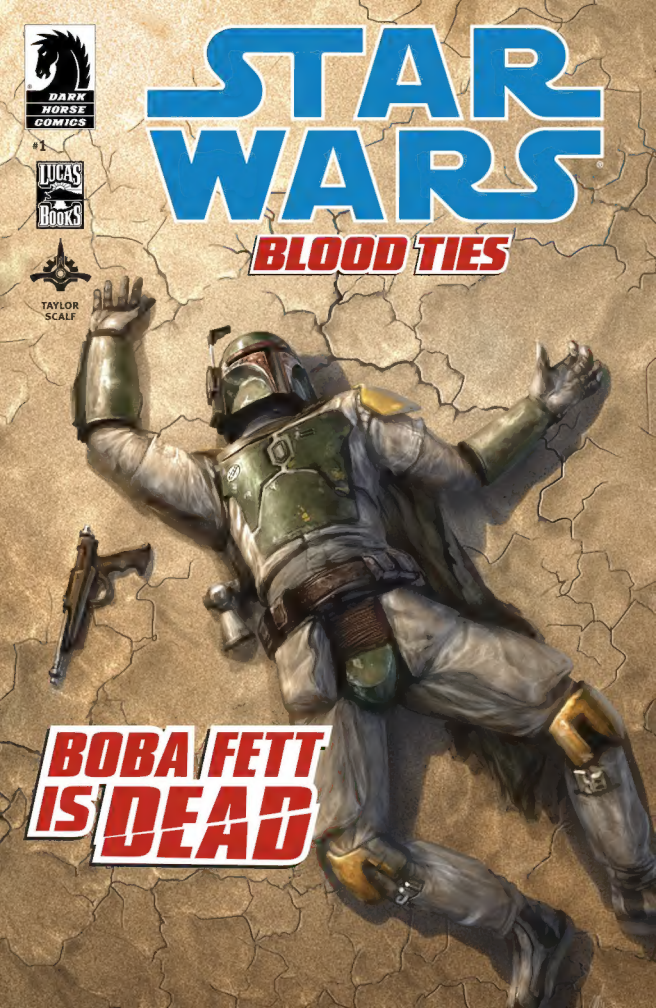
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"BOBA FETT IS *DEAD*."

YOU'RE *SURE?*

SIR, THE HOLOCAMS WERE THERE AS YOU REQUESTED. THE *ENTIRE GALAXY* IS SEEING THE SAME IMAGES WE ARE.

"AS GOOD AS FETT WAS, THE TEAM WE ASSEMBLED WAS *BETTER*.

"UNLESS HE CAN SURVIVE A SEVERE CASE OF *GAPING HOLE WHERE HIS HEAD SHOULD BE*,' I ASSURE YOU --"

-- BOBA FETT IS QUITE DEAD.

...REPEATING--- THE NOTORIOUS BOUNTY HUNTER BOBA FETT HAS BEEN KILLED.
CONNOR? YOU OKAY?
UH... SURE.
HE WAS A KILLER.
YEAH. BUT IF HE HADN'T HELPED ME, I WOULDN'T OWN THIS CANTINA. PLUS THERE'S THAT WHOLE "SAVING MY LIFE" THING.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO MEN LIKE FETT.
DID YOU THINK HE'D GET TO LIVE INTO HIS NINETIES ON A LUXURY YACHT WEARING FLUFFY SLIPPERS?
I DON'T KNOW, QUINNY...
MEN LIKE FETT GET SHOT, OR BLOWN UP. THEY DON'T GET TO WEAR FLUFFY SLIPPERS.

THEY'RE SOLDIERS, ALL OF THEM, AND NOT JUST IMPERIALS. THAT'S A RODIAN SOLDIER, AND THAT'S A CAPTAIN FROM THE *ZABRAK* ARMY -- NEXT TO THAT *STORM COMMANDO.*

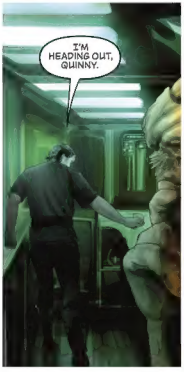
WHOEVER ARRANGED THIS HAD A *LOT* OF INFLUENCE. THE EMPIRE'S SOLDIERS AREN'T *ERRAND BOYS.*
SOMEONE *VERY* POWERFUL HAT'ED FETT ENOUGH TO INVEST A LOT IN HIS DEATH.

A TOAST.
TO BOBA FETT!

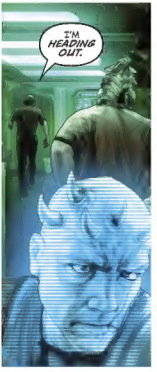
HRR.

THE NEXT DRINK IS ON THE HOUSE.

TO BOBA FETT!


I'M HEADING OUT, QUINNY.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING *STUPID*, ARE YOU?
I'M JUST ASKING, 'CUZ YOU'RE NOT KNOWN FOR YOUR CONSIDERED, MEASURED REACTIONS TO...WELL, TO ANYTHING.


I'M *HEADING OUT.*

THREE WEEKS LATER. THE ZABRAK HOMEWORLD, IRIDONIA.
OUT OF THE WAY, CITIZEN.
IS THERE SOMETHING *WRONG* WITH YOU? DID YOU NOT HEAR *CAPTAIN SIBAR?*
MOVE OUT OF THE --

HURGH!
BDOW!
DOW!

YOU --

KZ-ZANG!

NAAAGHHH!
QUIET. STOP SCREAMING.
THE FETT HIT. WHO ARRANGED IT?

WHAT IS THIS?
WERE YOU A FRIEND OF FETT'S?
HA! NO. BOBA FETT DIDN'T HAVE FRIENDS.
YOU'RE STALLING.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO ARRANGED IT.
I....
LAST CHANCE TO BE USEFUL. WHO BROUGHT YOU IN TO THE HIT SQUAD?
ALL RIGHT...
...IT WAS A STORMTROOPER COMMANDER BASED ON SATHIEMON -- WHERE WE KILLED FETT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?
THUD
HNG
YOU'RE NOBODY.
YOU CAN SCREAM NOW
AAAAAAAAAAGGH!

WHAT IS IT TEYCHENNE?
SIR, CAPTAIN SIBAR WAS FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING, UNDERNEATH A SKY BRIDGE ON IRIDONIA

AN ACCIDENT?
TWO ZABRAK SOLDIERS WERE SHOT AND KILLED AT THE SCENE. THAT WOULD BE *QUITE* THE *ACCIDENT*.
YOU THINK THIS IS RELATED TO FETTY?

NO. I DON'T BELIEVE *ANYONE* CARED FOR HIM ENOUGH FOR THIS SORT OF REPRISAL.

HOWEVER, AS YOUR SPY MASTER, I WOULDN'T BE WHERE I AM TODAY WITHOUT A HEALTHY AMOUNT OF PARANOIA
I'M SENDING MY OWN PEOPLE TO LOOK INTO THIS DEATH. I AM MONITORING THE SITUATION CAREFULLY

IF THIS GETS BACK TO ME --
IT WON'T, SIR

SATHIEMON.
HELLO AND WELCOME TO SATHIEMON. IF YOU LIKE LARGE EXPANSES OF NOTHINGNESS, YOU'LL LOVE SATHIEMON!
IDENTI-TABS, PLEASE
SINCE THE EMPIRE TOOK CONTROL OF THIS PLANET, *NO ONE* SETS FOOT ON SATHIEMON WITHOUT PROVIDING THEIR IDENTI-TABS.
THERE, WAS THAT SO HARD?
THANK YOU, ***CONNOR FREEMAN.*** ENJOY YOUR STAY.

COMMANDER WE'VE FINISHED OUR PATROL.
HEAD BACK TO BARRACKS. I'M GOING TO DO ONE MORE SWEEP. SEE IF I CAN KILL OFF A FEW MORE OF THE NATIVES

HAPPY HUNTING, COMMANDER

RRRRRRR!

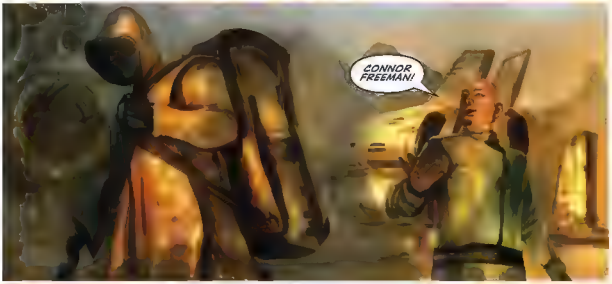
STOP THAT NOISE, BEAST!
THWAK!

ROOOOOB
SHUT UP!
UHAK!
THK!
WHO THE --?
YAAH!

NNNGH.
WHUH ?
RRRRRRRRRR
AGHHHHHHH!
WHAT THE --?
DON'T ASK WHO I AM DON'T ASK WHY I'M DOING THIS. JUST ANSWER MY QUESTIONS
THINK ABOUT HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE BEATEN THIS CREATURE.
ANSWER MY QUESTIONS QUICKLY AND TRUTHFULLY, OR .. I LET GO OF THE REINS
RRRRRRRR

YOU WERE PART OF THE TEAM THAT KILLED FETT. WHO ORDERED THE KILLING?
I DIDN'T KILL HIM. I DIDN'T EVEN FIRE --
I DON'T KNOW. I SWEAR! THERE WAS A STORM COMMANDO OFFICER NAMED MAC EWEYS. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION --
-- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO AUTHORIZED IT. I WAS NEVER TOLD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME HERE. I DIDN'T EVEN SHOOT AT FETT! THERE'S NO REASON FOR PAYBACK!
I THINK YOUR DEWBACK MAY DISAGREE

AH, CONNOR FREEMAN. I'M AFRAID I NEED TO SEARCH YOUR BAG.
SATHIEMON IS NOT EXACTLY RICH IN RESOURCES, SO WE DON'T ALLOW MANY THINGS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE PLANET.


CONNOR FREEMAN!

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN MY BAG.
YOU DON'T WANT THE TROUBLE.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING SATHIEMON!

SIR. THE STORMTROOPER COMMANDER IS DEAD KILLED BY HIS OWN DEWBACK.
SOMEONE IS DISPATCHING FETT'S KILLERS.
YES. BUT *THIS* SOMEONE WAS CARELESS ON BATHIEMON. HE SHOWED HIS IDENT-TABS. I KNOW WHO HE IS. I JUST HAVE TO ACT BEFORE THE HOLONET REPORTS THE NEWS.
TEYCHENNE, YOU FIND HIM. YOU *KILL* HIM. WHEN I SAID I WANTED FETT KILLED, I MEANT *ALL OF HIM.* I WANT *EVERY TRACE* OF BOBA FETT GONE FROM THE GALAXY...

LANYONE WHO HAS EVER OFFERED HIM AN *OUNCE* OF *KINDNESS.*

bee eee...
DOW!

YOU *KNOW* WHAT I UNCOVERED OF HIS *PAST?*
I DO
THE CHILD?

I WANT *EVERY* TRACE OF FETT GONE
THAT MEANS *SHE* DIES, TOO.
BROW!

ATZERRI, THE FREEMAN CANTINA
--WITH THIS LATEST DEATH, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THIS IS SOME SORT OF REPRISAL--
--FOR THE KILLING SEVERAL WEEKS AGO OF THE NOTORIOUS BOUNTY HUNTER BOBA FETT.
HOWEVER, INVESTIGATORS ON BATHIEMON HAVE IDENTIFIED A SUSPECT--
--ATZERRI CANTINA OWNER--
--CONNOR FREEMAN.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING STUPID! YOU
CONNOR FREEMAN
I KNOW HOW THIS LOOKS BUT--
HEY!
ATZERRI HAS ITS OWN COURTS. YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE HIM
IT'S TOO LATE
HUH?

"THEY'RE HERE."
MOVE!

VOOOOOOSH!

KOOOOM!

NAAAGHHHHHH!
KRAK!

NEXT:
CONNOR FREEMAN IS DEAD!

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So, what do you think? *Is* Boba Fett dead? Let me put it this way: we couldn't print it if it wasn't true, right?

But, before we get into that, let's catch everyone up. In the previous *Blood Ties* series, it was revealed that Boba Fett had a younger half brother of sorts—Connor Freeman. Freeman was the son of one of Jango's clones, whom Jango himself was hired to assassinate. Jango completed the mission (with young Boba's help), but in recompense for his actions, he secretly set aside a trust fund for Connor.

Boba Fett first learned of Connor's existence from his banker when, years later, a ruthless crime boss put a price on Connor's head for unpaid gambling debts. In honor of his father's commitment to the young man, Boba saved Connor's life and left him with enough credits to purchase his own business and—hopefully—stay out of trouble for the rest of his life.

Of course, as you've seen in this issue, Boba Fett is dead, and Connor Freeman has been accused of murder. And, as near as we can tell, not only has his business been destroyed, but Connor has also been killed. The end? Don't bet on it!

ANNOUNCEMENT! This is the part of the column where I tell you that the writer of the best letter for issue #2 and the writer of the best letter for issue #3 of this series will each win a prize from our Hasbro toy vault! And by "best," I mean the most thoughtful, most insightful, most creative, or funniest. Ms. Freddye Lins will be the sole judge. All letters become the property of Lucasfilm, Ltd. Assuming the folks there want them.

While we're waiting for your letters and e-mail messages to arrive, I'll use this space to show you the two (count 'em!) variant covers we did for this issue.

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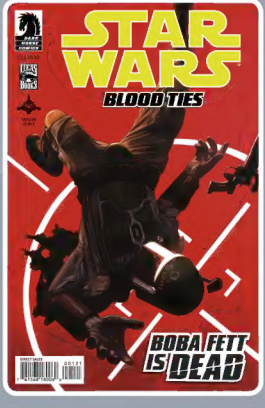

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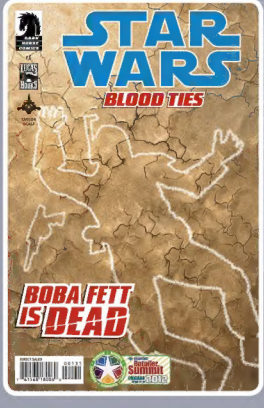

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